



CANOA RANCH COMMUNITY TRUST/ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES
May 15, 2012

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| <u>Location</u> | NRPR Conference Room, 3500 W. River Road, Tucson, AZ. |
| <u>Committee Members Present</u> | Dino Alfaro, David Yubita, Amanda Castillo, Bill Mortimer, Ralph Ellinwood, Nancy Williams - Ellen Kurtz, Sandra Stone, Nan Walden, Thomas Sheridan, PhD, Dan Brooks; Dan Brocious |
| <u>Committee Members Absent</u> | |
| <u>County Staff</u> | Robert Vaughn, Kerry Baldwin, Evelyne Thorpe, P.C. Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Department |
| <u>Audience</u> | Linda Mayro, Tom Ward, |

- A. **Call to Order and Roll Call - Quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 4:30. Members and Non-members recognized.**
- B. **Approval of January 17, 2012 Minutes**

Motion was made by Sandra Stone *to approve the January 17, 2012 Minutes*
Was unanimously approved.

D. **Previous Meeting Items**

- **Introduction of Robert Vaughn by** Kerry Baldwin introduced Robert Vaughn as the "Go to Man" from now on. He stated that Mr. Vaughn would be on the property a couple days a week.
- **Robert Vaughn.** Stated that because Kerry had done such a great job, he now had a great deal to learn and that he looked forward to the task. Robert Vaughn was welcomed by the Committee. Robert mentioned that he would be on the property a couple of days per week.
- **Sandra Stone,** Expressed appreciation of Kerry Baldwin and that Kerry had been a tremendous help.

E. New Agenda Items:

Extensive discussion followed regarding suggestions by Nancy Williams that there was a need for additional meetings to be scheduled.

- Ellie Kurtz; agreed because of the projects being considered.
- Sandra Stone suggested July as a possible date for the next meeting,
- Nan Walden suggested bringing people together to go over fundraising ideas. She referred to the Empire Ranch Trail Ride as having been successful.
- Thomas Sheridan suggested that the site was not ready. That it is too early.
- David Yubita suggested it might be time to get “ducks in a row” and bring people who are aware of Canoa Ranch. That maybe a year from now we could start “something”. He said it was ok to make plans, identify people and programs and that the Master Plan have plans stating the projected programs.
- Dino Alfaro stated that there was a need to create more awareness of Canoa Ranch. Maybe have Casinos help us make Canoa better known.
- Ellie Kurtz stated that many people had visited but that no infrastructure is present. She suggested checking what could support the Master Plan.
- Thomas Sheridan inquired what the Bond’s future was.
- Kerry Baldwin suggested that it probably would not be consider for four or more years.
- Nan Walden suggested Creative Programming like at Empire Ranch. That no funding was used, that there were still dollars left for Publications (although very little).
- Thomas Sheridan compared what was on Empire Ranch; he mentioned that Canoa was closer to the road compared to Empire.
- Kerry Baldwin stated that when first discussed the two places are similar in space, what was different is the Operation and Policy. He suggested that there was value in meeting and seeing how they generated and interacted with schools and volunteers and whether there was value in seeing how they are doing. This Committee’s purpose is not fundraising but to communicate with the Santa Cruz corridor, how they complement each other.
- Nancy Walden agreed that we should speak and work with them.
- David Yubita suggested an approach as strategy – Provide Board of Supervisors and advice on Canoa Ranch, strategize at other venues.

- How Empire and other committee have moved the ranch program along, whether they succeeded or not, and how to avoid pitfall. Basically “Go out to Empire and see what they’ve done, how to increase constituency.
- Nancy would like to meet with everyone for a Work Session. Questions were raised by Sandra regarding Quorum during these Work Sessions.
- *Kerry Baldwin said Quorum was not a issue*
- Discussion ensued as to the future date of a meeting – whether September or October?
- Kerry Baldwin gave a summary of the proposed package and went over the significant steps: “Having a presence at Canoa Ranch. He reported that CHH had told them and Linda Mayro to have higher presences. Re-focus visibility, Special Projects opportunities -Robert Vaughn will be in charge of Special Projects on ground. Kerry in charge of Educational Outreach starting this fall. New Team: Linda Mayro – Preservation; Kerry Baldwin and Robert Vaughn were brought together to make this higher priority. Kerry mentioned they were going to be bringing key players: Robert/Kerry/Staff before Bond Election.

G. Items for next meeting agenda: Agenda items should be given to Robert Vaughn or Sandra stone prior to the next meeting mailing proposed to be held either September.18 or November 20, 2012...

H. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.